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SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH

1. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR GAVRILESCU--
REPORTED TO US BY HIS DCM DOROBANTU--PREMIER CHOU
EN-LAI'S HEALTH HAS DETERIORATED QUITE NOTICEABLY OVER
THE SUMMER. GAVRILESCU, WHO HAS PROBABLY SEEN MORE OF
CHOU THAN ANY OTHER AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, NOTED THE
DECLINE IN CHOU'S APPEARANCE FROM THE TIME HE SAW HIM
IN MAY TO HIS RECENT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 7. DOROBANTU
RELATED THE STORY TO US IN A GRAVE TONE AND ILLUSTRATED
EXTENT OF CHOU'S DECLINE BY MOVING HIS HAND FROM A
RELATIVELY HIGH TO A VERY LOW POSITION.

2. COMMENT: WE DOUBT ROMANIANS WOULD EXAGGERATE
DECLINE IN CHOU'S HEALTH. GAVRILESCU'S IMPRESSION
TENDS TO CONFIRM THAT CHOU IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY
FEEBLE.
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